

I. (25 points) Read the text below and decide which variant (A, B, C or D) best fits each space. Write your answer on the Answer Sheet.

A.(15 points)

Most people are born with the natural ability to (1) _____ stories, but only a rare few have the determination to become professional authors, and even fewer have the joy of seeing their novels top the (2) _____ of bestselling books. Some of the world's famous crime writers have achieved the (3) _____ success of all. Who can (4) _____ the appeal of famous detectives like Sherlock Holmes, Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot? Even if you haven't read the (5) _____ books you will have seen them in films or on the TV.

If you have an ambition to become the (6) _____ Agatha Christie what should you do? The best starting (7) _____ is to read lots of examples of crime fiction written by good authors. You will need a notebook to carry around with you or, (8) _____ better, some loose (9) _____ of paper that you can (10) _____ notes on and then file into a folder. After all, most everyday situation - for example, watching a woman get (11) _____ a train - may be the (12) _____ for your first bestseller.

Like any good recipe, you have to know the main (13) _____ of a successful novel. These are: (14) _____ story, (15) _____ characters and a memorable setting.

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| 1.A. say | B. tell | C. speak | D. pronounce |
| 2.A. queue | B. row | C. list | D. line |
| 3.A. largest | B. highest | C. greatest | D. prime |
| 4.A. refuse | B. deny | C. insist | D. hide |
| 5.A. early | B. initial | C. first | D. original |
| 6.A. later | B. subsequent | C. next | D. following |
| 7.A. mark | B. tip | C. spot | D. point |
| 8.A. still | B. even | C. very | D. so |
| 9.A. strips | B. sheets | C. layers | D. pieces |
| 10.A. fill | B. do | C. complete | D. make |
| 11.A. off | B. out | C. down | D. from |
| 12.A. inspiration | B. notion | C. idea | D. invention |
| 13.A sections | B. parts | C. pieces | D. ingredients |
| 14.A an original | B. a sad | C. a strange | D. a real |
| 15.A strong | B. weak | C. poor | D. ordinary |

B. (10 points)

In 1853, Levi Strauss (16) _____ to San Francisco from New York. His brothers (17) _____ a business there selling pillows, blankets and clothes and Levis went to help them. He worked (18) _____ and, over the (19) _____ twenty years, he expanded the business.

(20) _____ day in 1872, Levi got a letter from Jacob Davis who made men's clothes. In the letter Jacob told Levis about a difficult customer. He kept (21) _____tearing the pockets of his trousers. Jacob had found an answer - he added some metal to the corners of the pockets. Levis recognised a business (22) _____, so the two men started working together. They decided to make some trousers out of denim, a material which was suitable (23) _____ working clothes. The (24) _____ pair of denim blue jeans (25) _____produced in 1873. Today people all around the world wear Levi jeans every day.

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| 16. A travelled | B departed | C toured | D visited |
| 17. A commanded | B ran | C influenced | D controlled |
| 18. A long | B strong | C heavy | D hard |
| 19. A next | B later | C last | D final |
| 20. A That | B One | C A | D The |
| 21. A on | B at | C up | D in |
| 22. A occasion | B opportunity | C sight | D view |
| 23. A for | B with | C at | D to |
| 24. A previous | B last | C first | D next |
| 25. A was | B is | C did | D had |

II. (25 points) Put the verbs in brackets in the right tense and voice. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

James Taylor 1) _____ (be) a 45 year old antique dealer. He studies History of Art at university and 2) _____ (collect) things since he was a child. He loves buying antiques and 3) _____ (find) some good bargains so far. The only problem 4) _____ (be) that he 5) _____ (not like) to sell the things he has bought because he 6) _____ (love) them all. One day last week, while he 7) _____ (take) a ride, he 8) _____ (come) across the most beautiful antique wooden trunk he 9) _____ (ever see). As he 10) _____ (be) in a hurry, he 11) _____ (tell) his driver to take the trunk to his shop. When the driver 12) _____ (reach) the shop, he 13) _____ (can not) find a place to put the trunk so he 14) _____ (leave) it by the front door. At that moment an old man 15) _____ (come) into the shop 16) _____ (look) around. When he 17) _____ (see) the trunk, he 18) _____ (ask) for its price. It 19) _____ (be) just then when the door, which had been ajar, 20) _____ (open) and a furious lady 21) _____ (enter) the shop. '22) _____ (not touch) that trunk!', she 23) _____ (scream). 'I 24) _____ (take) it. It 25) _____ (belong) to me'.

III. (50 points) Write a story beginning like this:

"It was late one winter night, long past my bedtime. I was still sitting at my desk, near the wide French window. Lazily looking up from my books, it seemed to me that somewhere in the garden the blurring contours of a mysterious silhouette were moving quietly among the dark trees. I stood up to check out what was going on ..."

Give your story an appropriate title and write no more than 120 words (don't count the words given as a beginning).

Pay attention to the following :

- you don't need long descriptions;
- use dialogues only if they are relevant for your characters or events;
- you should use this plan :

1. Introduction (paragraph 1 - set the scene)
2. Main body (paragraph(s) 2/3 - develop the story)
3. Conclusion (paragraph 4 - end the story)

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I. (25 puncte)

A.

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B	C	C	B	D	C	D	B	B	D	A	A	D	A	A

B.

16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	D	A	B	A	B	A	C	A

II. (25 puncte)

1. is
2. has been collecting
3. has found
4. is
5. does not/doesn't like
6. loves
7. was taking
8. came
9. had ever seen
10. was
11. told
12. reached
13. could not/couldn't find
14. left
15. came
16. to look
17. saw
18. asked
19. was
20. opened
21. entered
22. do not /don't touch
23. screamed
24. will take
25. belongs

III. (50 puncte) Write a story beginning like this.... Give your story an appropriate title and write no more than 120 words -vezi GRILA PENTRU CORECTAREA LUCR RILOR SCRISE (Descriptori) -

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